



HOW TO BECOME A PARAMEDIC

START
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SQA
National 4
English and
Maths

Apply for the
Scottish Ambulance
Service vocational
Technician Training
Programme

Qualify as an
Ambulance
Technician

Apply for a
Diploma of Higher
Education (Dip HE)
in Paramedic
Practice

FIRST Ambulance Technician

As an Ambulance Technician you'll deliver high quality care pre-hospital. You'll drive the ambulance, respond to 999 and emergency calls working within a team of Paramedics and Ambulance Care Assistants.

As part of your training you'll need to pass a fitness test, become part of the Protecting Vulnerable Groups scheme and obtain a C1 driving licence (that will allow you to drive larger vehicles like ambulances).

To qualify as an Ambulance Technician, you will need to pass the Diploma in Emergency Care Support at SCQF Level 6 and the Diploma for Associate Ambulance Practitioners. Don't panic though! This is all part of your training and not something you do on day 1!

Once you've qualified you can now apply to train as a PARAMEDIC.

THEN Paramedic

Paramedics are qualified health professionals who respond immediately to medical emergencies. This can involve very serious injuries, but paramedics are also trained to care for people in their own homes.

You'll assess the patient and make them stable for the trip to hospital, this could include skills such as:

- Controlling bleeding
- Giving oxygen and pain relief medication
- Using a defibrillator
- Spinal immobilisation and splinting limbs
- Setting up intravenous drips

The training programme from an Ambulance Technician to Paramedic is 2 years long, you have 10-13 weeks theoretical training and the rest is all hands on. 1500 hours for each year. This is equivalent to 37.5 hours per week and you are employed by the hospital you are based in. Because you are employed this means you are paid!

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